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To: Department of Justice
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Subject: Message From a Concerned Citizen

Dear Department of Justice:

As a principal software engineer who's been working in the software industry for years, I want to express to you how happy I was to see a settlement with Microsoft, thereby ending three years of antitrust lawsuits.

Upon review of the terms, it is evident that the settlement is more than fair. The terms require Microsoft to design future versions of Windows, to make it easier to install non-Microsoft software, and to disclose information about certain internal interfaces in Windows. The terms also promote significant change in the way Microsoft develops, licenses, and markets its software. A committee to make sure that Microsoft abides by the agreement will oversee all of this. Not only are these terms well thought out, but also they obviously benefit all parties involved.

I am sure that there are many other pressing issues to concentrate on rather than continue to focus on Microsoft. The more we delay this process, the more we delay getting our technology industry back on its feet. The global market is an extremely competitive one, and we need to stay on top of the race. Please help support our IT sector by helping to make sure that no further action is taken against the current settlement.

Sincerely,
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